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Out and about

Col. Michael J. Nowak, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, visits Team Ali.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

Tech. Sgt. Michael Parris, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Air Terminal Operations Center night shift supervisor, shows Col. Michael J. Nowak, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, how to operate a 25K aircraft loader.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's Traffic Management Office and Air Terminal Operations Center. TMO receives, packages and crates everything that moves on or off this base from bullets to humvees to aircraft parts. So far this rotation, they've had their fingers on and processed 2.5 million pounds of cargo. TMO works hand-and-glove with their brethren ATOC. Without ATOC nothing on this base would move in or out by air. They're responsible for making sure everything is loaded on the aircraft. If ATOC and TMO, along with the rest of the many 407th ELRS flights like supply and transportation, didn't do their job, this place couldn't run. The men and women of Ali Base are dependant on them for resupplying everything we do; they're literally the glue that keeps this place together. Coincidentally, if you need glue, you order it through ELRS. All joking aside, whether it's taking soldiers back home on well-deserved leave or acquiring necessary office supplies, they do their job with professionalism and a smile. Thank you ELRS!

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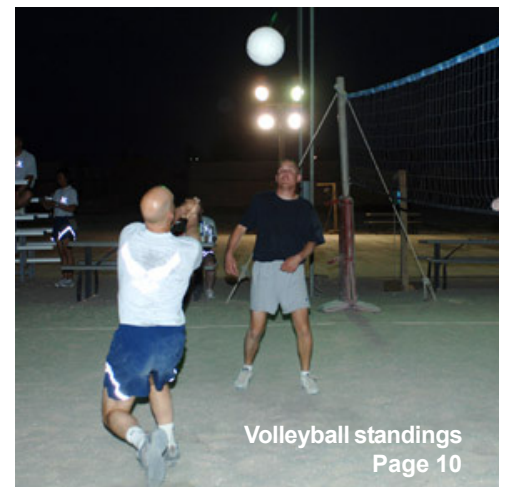
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Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Staff Sgt. Timmothy Ramsey, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of cryogenics, pulls a R11 fuel truck hose over to refuel a fuel storage bladder for the Italian Air Force. Sergeant Ramsey and his coworkers provide fuel for U.S. servicemembers and coalition forces here and transit aircraft supporting the war on terror. Sergeant Ramsey is deployed from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.



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Husband convoys thru Baghdad to watch wife reenlist

By Staff Sgt. Francisco J. Sanchez

407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Prior to my deployment here, my wife Staff Sgt. Julie Sanchez and I made the conscious decision to make a direct contribution to Operation Iraqi Freedom - together.

I am a dental lab technician, and we don't deploy. So I volunteered as a force protection escort and was sent here. Julie is a finance specialist, and she was sent to the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq at Camp Phoenix in Baghdad.

She volunteered to go to one of the most dangerous places in the world in the heart of Baghdad, without hesitation, to serve her country. I am very proud of that fact.

I was also very scared for her and worried about her. I still do.

So when she decided to reenlist on this deployment, I wanted to be there to support her and I asked my leadership to help.

On July 29, I was told that I had an hour to pack my bags and catch the flight to see her. I was so anxious. After the hour flight, I ended up at the Baghdad International Airport, which is about a 20-minute drive from the Embassy.

When I got off the plane, I looked all around for my wife, but she wasn't there. I was upset.

I ended up staying at Camp Stryker, located next to the airport, for the night.

The next day, I talked to my wife only to find out that I would have to take a convoy to her location.

Around noon that day, I was picked up by Army Staff Sgt. Clifford Davidson and his crew from the MNSTC-I construction shop. As we were leaving the airport, I was given a weapon and was told to "lock and load."

It was then they told me we would be traveling on Route Irish, known as the deadliest road in the world. In conversation with Sergeant Davidson, I learned that I was one of his more than 800 convoy missions in the last 10 months. I knew at that point I was in good hands, which put me at ease even though his crew constantly peered out the sides of the humvee scoping for suspicious activities.

As we rode through the unstable streets of Iraq, I was able to see some awesome sights.

Around 3:30 p.m., we finally made it to

Camp Phoenix, which is located next to the U.S. Embassy. I started feeling nervous and anxious at the same time, as I approached my wife's office. I peeked around the corner and there she was looking back at me, all smiles and very happy to see me - as I was her.

A sense of relief overwhelmed me. We wanted to hug, but there were so many people around it just wouldn't have been professional. She walked me around her office and introduced me to everyone. I was reassured to know that she worked with a great group of people. Every branch of the military was represented in that office.

After all of the introductions, we made our way to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where the ceremony was to take place. This is Julie's third enlistment. Unfortunately, she couldn't make it to my fourth enlistment ceremony when I reenlisted just a month ago.

The oath was administered by Marine Lt. Col. Thomas Leonard, who worked along side my wife in the Logistic shop. He did an amazing job. It was a sight to see because not everyone has the chance to reenlist under such threatening conditions, plus have their deployed spouse in the supporting audience.

I was very proud of her for choosing to continue her dedication to the U.S. Air Force and to our wonderful country.

Due to the schedule for my return flight, we were given the opportunity to spend a day and a half together. During this time, we were able to see some of the sights in Baghdad located within the Green Zone, and we just spent some much-needed quality time together.

I gained tons of respect for everyone stationed there and what they have had to



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgts. Julie and Francisco Sanchez, a husband and wife team deployed from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., take a moment to pose in front of Saddam Hussein's palace in Baghdad's Green Zone recently. Sergeant Francisco Sanchez is deployed here as a 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron force protection escort, and his wife is a finance specialist at Camp Phoenix in Baghdad. Within the last month, both sergeants renewed their vows to the U.S. Air Force.

endure on a daily basis - with all of the blasts and gunfire going off. You are not allowed to walk anywhere without wearing your helmet and individual battle armor for safety reasons. Plus, there are about five checkpoints to get into any building.

Yet, the men and women of the armed services in the Green Zone still continue to complete their mission without complaints, because they understand just how important it is for them to be there.

When the time finally came for me to go home, I traveled in a Blackhawk Helicopter and got an aerial tour of the capital of Iraq. This is a sight not many have the chance to see. Once I arrived at BIAP, I caught a C-130 back to Ali.

That weekend became the most memorable of my Iraq deployment and my life.

Military life is always uncertain, and our lives are sometimes shaped by war. My wife and I don't know where our military career will take us, but we know this for certain - we will be there when our country calls for us.

There are many key players, both here and at her camp, that helped me have this unique opportunity to share in her reenlistment ceremony. This experience proves that no matter what branch you are in, the military as a whole looks out for one another and stands by each other.

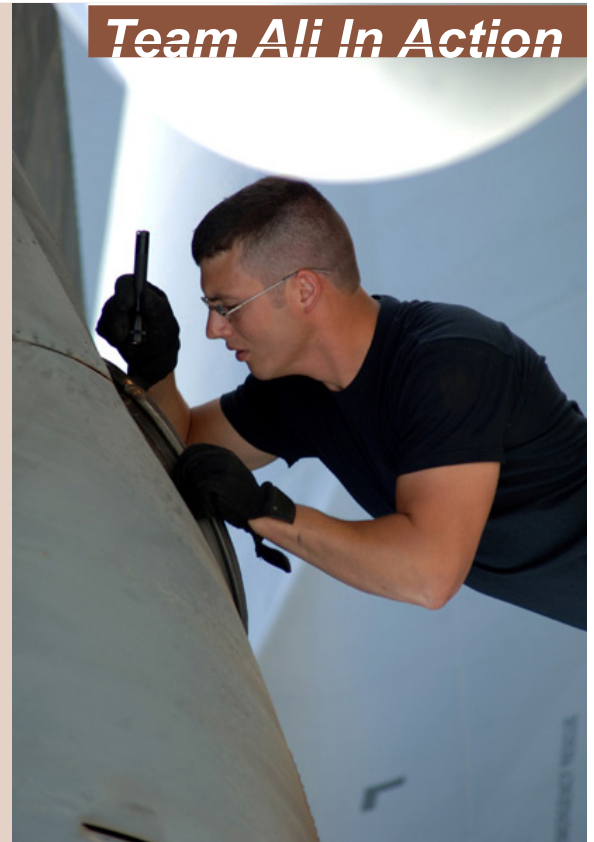


Inside the belly of the beast

Photos by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

(Left) A C-130 Hercules aircrew assigned to the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron performs aircraft shutdown procedures after returning from a mission recently. The 777th EAS is responsible for inter-theater airlift in the Southwest Asia Area of Responsibility. **(Right)** Senior Airman Chad Hedrick, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron jet engine mechanic, inspects a C-130 Hercules after it returned from a mission recently. Airman Hedrick is deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Team Ali In Action



Monthly promotees, award winners

July promotees

Airman 1st Class

Monsioh J. Doh, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron; Keeley R. Huwe, 407th ESFS; Phillip O. Ovalle, 407th ESFS and Brett E. Weeks, 407th ESFS

Staff Sergeant

Kelly P. Gannon, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron and Richard T. Tuttle, 407th ECES

Senior Master Sergeant

Michael P. Brown, 407th ECES

August promotees

Senior Airman

Theodore Collazo, 407th ESFS
Renato M. De Jesus, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron; Sophia M. Ephraim, 407th ESVS; Alexis J. Frakes, 407th ECES; Ian B. Franck, 407th ECES; Brandon L. Jensen, 407th ECES; Matthew P. Johnson, 407th ESFS; Jarrod C. Miller, 407th ESFS; Amr Mohamed, 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron; Jorge A. Nikolas,

407th ECS and Bret D. Weiler, 407th ECES
Staff Sergeant

Kevin D. Owen, 407th ECES and Anthony Thompson Jr., 407th ECES

Technical Sergeant

Natividad Ruiz, 407th ESVS

Master Sergeant

Robert E. Richard Jr., 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

July award winners

Airman of the Month

Airman 1st Class Kristal Cox, 407th ESFS

Noncommissioned Officer of the Month

Staff Sgt. Jose Barraza, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Month

Master Sgt. Blair Santa Maria, 407th ECES

Company Grade Officer of the Month

Capt. Eric Springer, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Sharp Saber Team Award

407th ECES Pavement team

Team members are Tech. Sgt. Ronald Bunch, Tech. Sgt. Scott Austin, Staff Sgt. Matthew Toman, Staff Sgt. Thomas Snell, Senior Airman Anthony Thompson, Senior Airman Brent Rice, Senior Airman Daniel Turba, Senior Airman Carlos Herrera, Airman 1st Class Bret Weiler, Airman 1st Class Noah Lefebvre, Airman 1st Class Alexis Frakes and Senior Airman Arthur Fisher

CDC high scores

Editor's note: The following individuals scored more than a 90 percent on their career development course final exam.

Airman 1st Class Kristal Cox, 407th ESFS; Airman 1st Class Douglas P. Fromm, 407th ESFS; Airman 1st Class Matthew P. Johnson, 407th ESFS; Senior Airman Jason D. Slaughter, 407th Air Expeditionary Group; Airman 1st Class Reina S. Sunaoka, 407th ESFS; Airman 1st Class Ian E. Coye, 407th ECES and Airman 1st Class Matthew D. Walsh, 407th ESFS

The Fighting Airman: It takes everyone working together to defend an installation

As an Air Force “ground-pounder” and a military historian, I think it’s important from time to time to look at lessons from the past and see what we can glean from them. Moreover, I think it’s critical to provide insight on a watershed event that profoundly impacted the way your security forces looks at life (at least me anyway).

I’d like to take you back in history 37 years ago to an expeditionary airfield in South Vietnam where a determined 377th Security Police Squadron pulled off one of the most desperate defense actions in Air Force history.

The defenders were severely outnumbered. Nearly 800 Security Policemen and 90 U.S. soldiers stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon were pitted against five Viet Cong and North Vietnamese battalions (2500 troops). However, they never gave up hope. Mostly because they never let themselves get complacent prior to the attack.

In late January 1968, the squadron commander Lt. Col. Billy Jack Carter had completed another round of training with his senior staff and Airmen. He directed detailed battle plans that involved tabletop exercises, full analysis of the local terrain, defensive engineering, weapons training, and efforts to “best guess” where and if the enemy would attack.

If the enemy were to attack, Colonel Carter reasoned, it would most likely come from the western approaches.

While he was planning for the unexpected, some people thought he was overreacting and overzealous. After all, it was a pretty nice airfield located near a major city. Plus, it was the local holiday season. No problems, right?

As fate would have it, the enemy counted on the celebrations (Tet holiday) throughout the country.

Around 3 a.m., reports flowed into the joint defense operations center that the U.S.

“While the senior staff develops a plan, it’s the small unit tactical leaders (junior officers, SNCOs and NCOs) that must seek the initiative and aggressively accomplish their task to meet their commander’s intent.”



Quote and story by Maj. Erik K. Rundquist
407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander

Embassy and Saigon radio station were being assaulted. Twenty minutes later an SP reported small arms fire targeting the base fuels site. Immediately, the SPs moved into preplanned positions and waited to pounce.

Minutes passed and more posts began to report movement of hundreds of people coming closer to the installation and friendly forces around the base started receiving fire.

Everyone wondered where would the enemy’s main assault be focused?

At 3:44 a.m., grenades and mortar shells exploded on the western part of the base at the 051 Bunker. Mortar rounds and gunfire erupted around the entire perimeter.

The SP’s quick reaction forces were dispatched to establish blocking positions and neutralize enemy incursions throughout the base. The main line of defense at several points on the base was being hammered by enemy rocket and mortar fire. South Vietnamese soldiers were barely holding the north flank. Enemy fire hit the main gate to the east, and the southern part of the base reported small arms fire.

More and more pressure was applied to the western part of the airfield. The Airmen in 051 Bunker were holding, but continued to receive heavy fire as streams of enemy soldiers started to flow around them like water on a rock-filled stream. The Airmen and soldiers called for helicopter close air support, but it couldn’t initially be filled as enemy and friendly forces became nearly intertwined.

Junior officers and young noncommis-

sioned officers led security alert teams to the west and fought for their lives. The South Vietnamese Army committed three tanks to the west, only to have them knocked out of commission and withdrawn from the fight. The 051 Bunker relief force was now in danger of being flanked as a reinforced battalion (over 500 men) poured into the western breach.

Communication from the 051 Bunker was lost. The defenders were running low on ammunition, and SP and logistics NCOs continuously braved enemy machine gun and rocket fire to replenish stocks to the beleaguered quick reaction force.

The enemy had advanced approximately 2,000 feet into the base, but the defenders held them in check with firepower and began to blunt the attack. The U.S. Army, now responding to massive attacks throughout the entire country, launched a coordinated off-base armored cavalry assault to hit the Tan Son Nhut attackers from the flank to relieve pressure on the breach.

In addition, the Army now piled on its aviation assets to offer close air support to the Air Force defenders. This was the first time in history where the roles of air and ground were reversed.

A U.S. Army helicopter pilot even remarked, “Our usually spit-shined SPs look like grunts in the field, and fight like grunts in the field. They made us proud. The NVA threw everything they had at the SPs and could not budge them.”

Critical attacks and counterattacks from Air Force, Army and South Vietnamese slowly turned the tide. The perimeter was finally reestablished.

By 12:10 p.m., and nearly nine hours after the attack began, the 377th SPS reached the 051 Bunker where three defenders were sadly found dead. The defense of Tan Son Nhut resulted in 55 (four SP) friendly forces

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Defense Readiness and training win battles against the enemy

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killed and 163 (11 SP) wounded in action, but the defenders killed 962 attackers.

What does this mean for us here at Ali Base, Iraq today, and where do you fit into the installations' defense?

First, this classic battle exemplifies the importance of readiness and training. Colonel Carter understood training and rehearsals take time and energy. He opted not to "kill his troops with kindness" and allow them to enjoy the holiday festivities. Instead, he analyzed a likely enemy course of action, and ensured his squadron was physically and mentally ready for combat.

Second, this battle demonstrates that while the senior staff develops a plan, it's the small unit tactical leaders (junior officers, senior noncommissioned officers and NCOs) that must seek the initiative and aggressively accomplish their task to meet their commander's intent. This applies to

any job and any squadron in the 407th Air Expeditionary Group.

Third, this fight highlights that no single organization can do it alone. In 1968, it took a collective effort from intelligence, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, engineers, communications, logisticians, medics, Army, and South Vietnamese to prepare for and win this battle. Likewise, at Ali Base today, your SF troops stand side-by-side with Army and Italian soldiers to hold the line and seek the initiative.

Finally, it must be noted I have done a huge disservice to the complexities of this massive battle, due to limited space and your valuable time. I encourage all of you to take a moment periodically and examine lessons and experiences from the past, and apply them to your lives.

For suggested military reading, go to the Air Force Chief of Staff Professional Reading Program at <http://www.af.mil/csafreading/>.

Program makes a difference in local community

Volunteers from Operation Reach Out distribute much-needed supplies to several local families recently. Operation Reach Out is a Ali Base program designed to help local people in need. For more information on how to get involved with a future Operation Reach Out mission or learn how to donate, contact Staff Sgt. Mary Willis, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Operation Reach Out supply point of contact. Operation Reach Out always needs hygiene items like baby wipes, diapers, tooth brushes and paste, soap, shampoo, powder and nonperishable food supplies.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ronald Denmon

Fire reporting

If residents need to report an emergency to the fire department (i.e. fire, auto accident, injured person, etc.), call 911 and give the dispatcher as many details as possible such as: **location** (use landmarks, intersections, directions, building numbers), **contact point** (make sure you give the dispatcher a working phone number or radio call sign), **identify specific problem** and **don't leave the area** (once you reported the problem make sure someone goes out to the roadway and flags down the fire units). For more fire reporting information, contact Tech. Sgt. Joe Graves, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector, at 445-2079.

Ali Idol needs performers

The 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron is looking for interested individuals to perform music, comedy, skits, poetry or dance routines for an upcoming talent show called the Ali Idol. Sign up at the Hot Spot by Aug. 16. Practices are scheduled for Aug 17 and 18 at 4 p.m. at the Big Top. The show date is scheduled for Aug. 20. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Shimkus, 407th ESVS, at 445-2306.

Purchasing AF uniforms for nonresidents of Bedrock

Don't purchase or give Air Force uniforms, to include the new physical training uniform or the old PT gear, to nonresidents of Bedrock. This is a serious force protection concern.

Unattended bags

Don't leave back packs or bags unattended outside the shopette or any facility on base. People who see unattended baggage should immediately report it to the law enforcement desk at 445-2232.

Smoking policy

Individuals are reminded they are only allowed to smoke in designated areas (smoke pits) and must remain within 10 feet of an approved butt can. People can't smoke in tent common areas, the Hot Spot, volleyball or basketball courts, or the Big Top. This includes lighting incense, candles, heated or burning insect repellants, etc.



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Liquid mobility



Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Airman 1st Class Sarah Stewart, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels operator, drives a C301 diesel truck to provide fuel to more than 40 U.S. servicemembers and coalition customers daily. The installation is powered by fuel versus electricity and without it, personnel would not have any of the necessities taken for granted here.

Fuels Airmen keep more than just aircraft and vehicles operational. Without them, Airmen here wouldn't have air conditioning or the ability to power up their computer. Fuels specialists are the life blood of all mechanical things that require energy to operate here.

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

For 19 years now, Master Sgt. David Chandler's mother proudly tells everyone she meets that her son "passes gas for a living" in the U.S. Air Force.

The fuels manager from the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight isn't fazed. He's heard them all and is ready to dish out a few jokes himself on a moment's notice.

The petroleum, oil and lubricants specialist also knows his job is serious business.

"We provide fuel to keep it rolling – whether it's vehicles, aircraft, (generators to provide) power or light carts," said Sergeant Chandler, who is from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

"Our mobility and flexibility are our greatest assets," said Sergeant Chandler. "If you can land it here or tell us where the equipment is at, we go to you."

So far the POL troops have distributed 3.3 million gallons of liquid energy to their

Air Force, sister service and coalition customers since May.

A safe blend

It's not as simple as it seems. The POL specialists don't just hook up a fuel line to the receptacle and mindlessly pump away. There is a science to ensuring there is a proper blend of fuel.

And, the proper blend of fuel is a tad bit more of a concern to their airborne customers, when the product POL specialists provide keeps the aircraft aloft more than 20,000 above the ground.

Dedicated to perfectionism, the POL specialists check the fuel to ensure the conductivity is high enough, the fuel will ignite at a certain flash point, and they also check for water content.

"If condensation forms in a (C-5) fuel tank that holds 20,000 gallons and it clogs up the fuel line, then you have 100 dead servicemembers on your hands. It's a big deal," said Tech. Sgt. Roy Townsend, 407th ELRS fuels information service center superintendent, who is deployed from McConnell AFB.

"Attention to detail is critical in my career field," said Sergeant Townsend.

That's where Staff Jason Bello, 407th ELRS fuels lab noncommissioned officer in charge, steps in. He filters gasoline that isn't up to par before it ever gets to the customer. If a batch turns up with the levels out of balance, he blends it with approved fuel until he creates a safe mixture suitable for his customers.

Window on the world

While many base personnel are stuck in their offices behind computers, the more than 15 POL specialists here have a front window seat to see a parade of many of the world's most interesting military aircraft.

"I always like (that in POL I can do) different things and interact with (many different cultures and people who fly) on foreign aircraft," said Sergeant Bello.

They've recently refueled Belgian aircraft, and Marine CH-53 and CH-46 helicopters, along with their standard routine of supporting C-130s, Italian helos and Army



Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Staff Sgt. Jason Bello, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels lab noncommissioned officer in charge, tests the flash point on a batch of fuel. If the fuel doesn't ignite at a suitable flash point, it could spell bad news for the plane's engine. It's Sergeant Bello's job to ensure that doesn't happen.

However, Airman Stewart says what most people don't know is the services they provide don't just affect flightline operations.

"If there is a generator on base, there is a good bet that I've been there," said Airman 1st Class Sarah Stewart, 407th ELRS fuels operator, who is deployed from McConnell AFB.

Generating power

Without their products, the entire base, which is powered by generators that run off fuel, would come to a screeching halt.

"When you get on the plane to go home, you're welcome. When you power up your computers, you're welcome. When you call home or enjoy the air conditioning, you're welcome... because without POL you're out of luck," said Airman Stewart.

Most of the time, the fuels specialists can't take advantage of the cool air they help create, because they're out in the heat driving the fuel to more than 40 daily stops.

Job satisfaction

It's a big job, but the fuels specialists here make sure they don't lose their sense of humor.

"Have you heard what POL stands for," Sergeant Chandler asked?

With a smile, he responds, "Painting, odd jobs and landscaping."

Even while they're joking, the POL troops are working hard to improve services for their customers. In this rotation, they've decreased receipt time by 30 percent and increased issue time by 150 percent by removing unnecessary hoses and valves. They also added another pumping station, so more than one vehicle can receive fuel simultaneously.

"Every twist the fuel goes through slows it down," said Sergeant Chandler.

And in a hostile environment, every moment can make the difference between winning or losing an engagement. It's a reality the fuels specialists always have in the back of their mind.

"I'm proud of what I do," said Airman Stewart. "When I see a plane take off, no matter how many times or what kind of mood I'm in, I have to smile knowing that (we refueled it so they can complete their mission)."

Fuel

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aircraft here.

"We recently got to 'hot refuel' 40 Marine helicopters and go 'under the blades,'" said Sergeant Chandler, who was the only one of his crew to ever hot refuel helicopters before then.

Most of the time, POL troops refuel aircraft while the propellers are off, but with a hot refuel, the blades are turning – and any mistake can turn deadly.

"The Marines loved the support," said Sergeant Chandler. "They had a limited amount of ground time scheduled, and we jumped in and got them gassed and on their way."

Another tool for the warfighter

For POL specialists, fuel is a critical com-

ponent to mission success, similar to a rocket or a gun. Without fuel, the warfighter can't engage and win the fight.

"When Marine helos or fighters divert here, my folks are dying to be the one to go out and give them gas," said Sergeant Chandler. "We may not be refueling the fighters that drop the bombs on a daily basis, but we are assisting that fighter - and that's

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– Airman 1st Class Sarah Stewart, 407th ELRS fuels operator

what matters."

Even though they drive a huge truck, POL specialists quickly fade into the background of the hustle and bustle of the flightline.



Beauty shop woes

Rumor

I've seen a sign for a health and beauty salon in the post exchange courtyard? Is there going to be a beauty shop, and if so, when is it going to open?

Fact

There is a beauty shop scheduled to go into the PX-area; however, there isn't a set date for it to open. It still needs to be outfitted with electricity and plumbing. When it opens, it is scheduled to offer the following services: hair cuts, shampoo/cut/blow dry/style, hair coloring, manicure, pedicures and facials.

The following question was answered by Phillip Thompson, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, at 833-1042.

Heard a rumor...

Don't speculate. Get the facts by e-mailing the Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil or call Chief Master Sgt. Susan Ferguson at 445-2027.

Quotable quotes

"From Baghdad, Kabul, Madrid, Bali, the Philippines, the call to arms has been sounded and the outcome of this struggle will determine the nature of our world for some decades to come. Our enemies will not be controlled, or contained or wished away. They do seek to enslave, and they have shown that they are willing to die to achieve their goals. The deaths of innocent people are not incidental in this war. Innocent people indeed are in fact their targets, and they will willingly kill hundreds and thousands more."

– Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said during a press conference Oct. 4, 2004 where he spoke about the costs of pulling out of Afghanistan or Iraq during the third anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Editor's note: If you have a favorite quote that you want to share with Team Ali, e-mail it to ali.times@tlab.centaf.af.mil.

407th AEG Warrior of the Week Senior Airman Cameron Champion



Unit: 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Duty title: Explosive ordnance disposal journeyman

Home unit: 94th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

Why other warriors say he's a warrior: He has aided in destroying 760 pounds of captured ordnance. By doing his job day-in and day-out, he's eliminated the opportunity for insurgents to employ mid-range high explosive rockets and improvised explosive devices against the base and help kept installation members safe.

What is your most memorable Air Force experience: I don't have one single moment. Duty stations and challenges are ever-changing but the one constant is the opportunity we have to affect people's lives and the relationships we build.

Hobbies: Computers, music and working out

Identify This



KNOW WHAT THIS IS? If you can identify the object, e-mail us at Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. the following Friday. All correct entries will be placed in a box and **three winners** will be **randomly selected** at the following week's **Combat Bingo** at 7:30 p.m. at the Hot Spot. *Participants do not have to attend bingo to win.* The three winners will **win a complimentary t-shirt or coin** from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. The following individuals correctly guessed the July 22 *Identify This* of an M-16 firing pin: Senior Airman John Wienclaw, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron; Staff Sgt. Bryan Burger, 407th ESFS and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Dineen, 407th Air Expeditionary Group. The July 29 *Identify This* winners will be announced at tonight's bingo.



Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Patriotic spirit

Lt. Col. David A. Rearick, 407th Air Expeditionary Group deputy commander, leads the retreat ceremony Tuesday. Both a retreat and reveille ceremony were held in remembrance of the date the Declaration of Independence was signed. "Most people think of July 4 as the day we gained our independence," said Master Sgt. Todd Kern, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant who helped organize the ceremonies. "In fact, the last signature was signed Aug. 2, 1776, not July 4. Now, we are here in Iraq helping a country struggle for their independence. So it's important to remember we also didn't earn our freedom overnight; it took some time, struggle and strife."

Volleyball madness

Lt. Col. Paul Kucharek, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron commander, sets the ball to Master Sgt. Troy Rames, 407th EOSS, Wednesday, while Staff Sgt. Lee Gebhart, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, gets in position to block. The Italian team is at the top of the heap in the National League with a score of 4 - 0. While ECES A (4 - 0) and EOSS C (4 - 1) leads the pack in the American League.



Photo by Master Sgt. Maurice Hessel

Volley ball standings

American league W-L

ECES A 4-1
EOSS C 4-1
ECES C 3-1
EOSS B 2-2
ESFS A 1-3
AEG B 1-4
ESVS 0-4

Stats are current as of Aug. 4

National league W-L

Italians 5-1
ECONS/EFM 5-1
ECES B 4-2
ECS 4-2
EOSS A 2-4
ESFS B 2-4
ELRS 1-4
AEG A 1-5



Gospel Music Explosion

Come out and join the gospel service choir, and the traditional and contemporary praise teams for the Gospel Music Explosion today at 7:30 p.m. at the Army chapel. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Chermone Bunting, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at 445-2805.



Just for Fun

Presented by the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron

Today

5:30 a.m., Yoga (tape) at Muscle Beach
5:30 a.m., Step class at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain, Army
7 p.m., Intramural volleyball at volleyball courts
7:30 p.m., Bingo followed by a movie at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Step aerobics at House of Pain
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach

Saturday

5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
2:30 p.m., Pilates at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
8 p.m., 2-on-2 basketball at Muscle Beach
8 p.m., The Comics on Duty at Adder Commons
8 p.m., Salsa lessons at House of Pain

Sunday

8 a.m., push up and sit up contest at Muscle Beach
3 p.m., Spin at House of Pain
4 p.m., Shito-Ryu at House of Pain
7:30 p.m., Jujitsu at Muscle Beach
8 p.m., 8-ball at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Spades at Army community center

Monday

4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
8 p.m., Step aerobics at House of Pain
7 p.m., Board game night at Army community center
7 p.m., Intramural volleyball
7:30 p.m., Jujitsu at Muscle Beach
8 p.m., Hearts at Hot Spot
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach
9:30 p.m., Aerobics at Big Top

Tuesday

5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
5:30 a.m. Yoga at Muscle Beach
2:30 p.m. Yoga at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
6:30 p.m., Shito-Ryu at House

of Pain

7 p.m. Intramural volleyball
7 p.m., Ping Pong TNY at Army community center
8 p.m., Ping Pong at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Spin at House of Pain
Wednesday

5:30 a.m., Aerobics at Muscle Beach
2:30 p.m., Pilates at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Texas Hold Em' at Hot Spot
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
7 p.m. Intramural volleyball
8 p.m., Step aerobics at House of Pain
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach

Thursday

5:30 a.m., Pilates at House of Pain
5:30 a.m., Tai Chi (taped) at Muscle Beach
2:30 p.m., Tai Chi (taped) at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
6:30 p.m., Shito-Ryu at House of Pain
7 p.m. Intramural volleyball
7 p.m., Scrabble TNY at Army community center
8 p.m., Madden TNY at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Jazz night at Big Top
8 p.m., Music night at Army courtyard
8 p.m., Spin at House of Pain
9:30 p.m., Aerobics at Big Top
10:30 p.m., Tai Chi (taped) at Muscle Beach

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5:30 a.m., step class at Muscle Beach
5:30 a.m., Step class at Muscle Beach
4:30 p.m., Slim in 6, resist-a-band, at House of Pain
5 p.m., Spin at Muscle Beach
7 p.m. Intramural volleyball Tournament at volleyball court
7 p.m., 9- ball TNY at Army community center
7 p.m., Halo-2 TNY at Army community center
7:30 p.m., Bingo followed by a movie at Hot Spot
8 p.m., Step aerobics at House of Pain
8 p.m., Hand-to-hand at House of Pain
8:30 p.m., Absolute Abs at Muscle Beach

For more information or to share suggestions, about 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron events, call 445-2696. For more information about the House of Pain, Army fitness center, call 833-1709. For more information about Army morale, welfare and recreation activities, call 833-1745.

Cricket Movie Theater

HOT SPOT

Today



A Lot Like Love, 1 a.m. and 11 a.m., On a flight from Los Angeles to New York, Oliver and Emily make a connection, but the couple find each other at the wrong time in their lives. Starring Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet.



Crash, 3 a.m., 1 p.m. and 9 p.m., The film begins with the discovery of a man's brutally murdered body on the side of the road and tracks 24 hours in the lives of the eight people connected. Starring Sandra Bullock and Matt Dillon.



Beauty Shop, 5 a.m. and 3 p.m., A small town girl goes to Atlanta making a name for herself at a posh Southern salon. But her egotistical boss takes criticism too far, and she starts a shop over her own. Starring Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone, Kevin Bacon and Andy MacDowell.



Fantastic Four, 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Marvel's beloved superhero team comes to the big screen. The superheroes battle the evil Doctor Doom. Starring Reed Richards, Johnny Storm and Ben Grimm.



Kicking and Screaming, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., A coach of his young son's soccer team is forced to go up against his ultra-competitive father, who has a new son on the opposing team. Starring Will Ferrell and Robert Duvall.



Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 11 p.m., A sexy, action-packed thrill ride about a bored married couple who discover that they both are hiding a secret - they're secret agents. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross-hairs. Starring Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

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Kicking and Screaming, 5 a.m.
Fantastic Four, 7 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 9 a.m.
A Lot Like Love, 11 a.m.
Crash, 1 p.m.
Beauty Shop, 3 p.m.
Kicking and Screaming, 5 p.m.
Fantastic Four, 7 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 9 p.m.
A Lot Like Love, 11 p.m.

Sunday

Beauty Shop, 1 a.m.
Kicking and Screaming, 3 a.m.
Fantastic Four, 5 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 7 a.m.
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Beauty Shop, 1 p.m.
Kicking and Screaming, 3 p.m.
Fantastic Four, 5 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 7 p.m.
A Lot Like Love, 9 p.m.
Crash, 11 p.m.

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Fantastic Four, 3 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 5 a.m.
A Lot Like Love, 7 a.m.
Crash, 9 a.m.
Beauty Shop, 11 a.m.
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Fantastic Four, 3 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 5 p.m.
A Lot Like Love, 7 p.m.
Crash, 9 p.m.
Beauty Shop, 11 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 1 p.m.
A Lot Like Love, 3 p.m.
Crash, 5 p.m.
Beauty Shop, 7 p.m.
Kicking and Screaming, 9 p.m.
Fantastic Four, 11 p.m.

Thursday

A Lot Like Love, 1 a.m.
Crash, 3 a.m.
Beauty Shop, 5 a.m.
Kicking and Screaming, 7 a.m.
Fantastic Four, 9 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 11 a.m.
A Lot Like Love, 1 p.m.
Crash, 3 p.m.
Beauty Shop, 5 p.m.
Kicking and Screaming, 7 p.m.
Fantastic Four, 9 p.m.
Mr and Mrs. Smith, 11 p.m.





Spiritual Survival Gear

Today

1 p.m., Muslim prayer/service at mosque (behind DFAC)
1 p.m., Muslim prayer/service also at AF chapel
6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
6:30 p.m., Jewish Service at Army religious activity center
7:30 p.m., Bible study at RAC
8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous at RAC annex

Saturday

5:30 p.m., Catholic Confession at AF chapel/chaplain's Office
6 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass at AF chapel

Sunday

7:30 a.m., Catholic Confession at AF chapel/chaplain's Office
7:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service at post chapel
8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass at AF chapel
8 a.m., Church of Christ Service at RAC
9:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant service at AF chapel
10 a.m., Contemporary Protestant Service at Army Post chapel
10 a.m., Latter Day Saints service at RAC
10:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass at Camp Cedar
1 p.m., Gospel Service at Army chapel
7 p.m., Contemporary Worship service at AF chapel

Monday

6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
7:30 p.m., "God's Design for your Dream Marriage" at chapel annex
7:30 p.m., Discipleship Bible study/fellowship at AF chapel

Tuesday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
Noon, AA at RAC annex
7 p.m., Right of Christian Initiation of Adults at AF chaplain's office
7:30 p.m., Alpha course for military at AF chapel annex
7:30 p.m., Combat Bible study at RAC

Wednesday

7:30 a.m., Alpha course for military at AF chapel annex
6 p.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
7 p.m., Spanish Bible study at RAC
7 p.m., Midweek service discussion at new Army chapel
7:30 p.m., Men's Bible study at RAC

Thursday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at AF chapel
6:30 p.m., Ladies' Bible study at RAC
7 p.m., LDS study at RAC
7:30 p.m., Workman's Fellowship at RAC
7:30 p.m., A Man & His World Bible study at AF chapel

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.

Inspirational moments... One big circle

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package.

"What food might this contain," he wondered.

He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is of grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him.

The pig sympathized but said, "I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured that you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow. She said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse, I'm sorry for you. But it's no skin off my nose."

So next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it doesn't concern you, remember that when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone. That very night a loud snapping sound echoed through the house.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see the tail of a venomous snake was caught in the mouse trap.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard to gather the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well and she died. So many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. So next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it doesn't concern you, remember that when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We're all involved in this journey called life. Keep an eye out for one another and make the effort to encourage someone today.

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